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¶1. (C) Minister of State at the Foreign Ministry Rosemary Museminali told Ambassador January 24 that Rwanda agrees that it would be "bad for the AU and Africa" if Sudan were selected for the AU chairmanship. Instead, Rwanda would work for a postponement of Sudan's candidacy for another year. Museminali said further that the only circumstance under which Rwanda could vote for a Sudanese chairmanship would be a binding commitment by Sudan to resolve outstanding issues in Darfur. At the summit, she said, Rwanda would work with other AU members to avoid Sudan being selected as AU Chair.

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